

26 Essex St Boston. Monday afternoon.

Dear Caroline, I came in town and Emma with me to pass the week at 11 or 12. I found ^{Franklin} quite bright through "wiring" & racing with indignation at an execution that had just occurred & when Wendell has labored very hard to save the man. The case was that of a black man who stabbed another in a drunken brawl. We carried round a petition in the month & got 400 names & \$25000 were presented for his commutation but that wretched Buggs refused. The man's name was Gode, you never heard of him before. After I had seen Mrs Emma & I went & bought me a open work bonnet at Barnes's & had it lined with pink, trimmed with pink & white & green flowers. For the bonnet I gave \$3.50 & I think it pretty. Lucretia has had her last summer's dress trimmed with green & it looks sweetly. Emma has an open work lined & trimmed with blue in which she will make her trousseau. Deborah an open work lined with white, trimmed with pink & with some of the beautiful flowers you sent in the box. So I have given you a hint of our head gear. I should say too that Ella has modestly had a plain ribbon of brown put on a straw for herself. I found Ann P. knew about Emma's going. I suppose it came from N. Y. by the way of Henry Garrison. He said she understood that Emma was to make a long visit in England. E. told her, or no, she should go direct to France. People I observe look at E. with great interest as if she had been elevated to some worldly dignitary. We have dined here with Mrs Alford & Geo Greene. Mrs A. was very amiable indeed; she seemed rather full of curiosity, but asked nothing unwise. She was surprised & sorry that Cousin Mary should come home so soon. We have had a good dinner & Wendell seems in fine spirits. "The town & country

club "a scheme got up by Waldo Emerson to give the A. S. a living, or give people some what. There are about 90 members, Longfellow, Lowell, Garrison, Parker & lots more. There has been a severe fight whether women shall be admitted; I believe the subject is left hanging by the eye lids. I think the thing impends every day. I believe the names of several women have been proposed (all are admitted by ballot) & that without consulting them. Wentworth Higginson was to bring forward Mrs. Fuller & Wallace Weld Emma that somebody had proposed Maria.

I can write no more for Wendell is just going to the P. O. He had sent me a letter this day three months. Pray write by the next boat for I long to hear lot of course you will. Poor Eunice Allen, died of consumption & in that state John went off & left her. So Wendell says.

With love to all

Yr ever

W. M.